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It becomes, then, a matter of public right that the validity of the patents shall be tried on their merits, and it is a grave public misfortune if the private interests of the Attorney-General stand in the way. If the patents are not valid then the great price which the public is paying for its telephone service in unnecessary as well as unjust, and the government is a party to the levying by a private corporation of a bardensonae tex on commerce for the use of that private corporation. If the field were open to competition the cost of telephone service would at once be reduced a half and possibly more. The question is whether the patents are valid. Perhaps "it would seem asking too much to suggest his [the Attorney-General's resignation;" and yet if that be the only or the best way to clear the deck for action, it would also seem asking too much to suggest that the public interests ought to suffer because Attorney'General Garland holds some telephone stock.

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